

2012 WWAC Symposium Update Symposium website launched & Call for Abstracts

By Graham Nasby, 2012 WWAC Symposium Chair

The symposium committee and I are pleased to announce that this year's 2012 WWAC Symposium will be held at the **Holiday Inn Castle Resort Hotel** in Orlando, Florida, USA. This boutique hotel offers luxury accommodations and is only steps from International Drive's world-famous shopping, dining and entertainment. It also situated close to both Walt Disney World and the Universal Studio's theme parks. Consider bringing the family and spend a few days at Disney after the symposium!

We have also released the new symposium website at www.isawwsymposium.com. On the web site you will find extensive information about the symposium, including venue information, program details, the Call for Abstracts, and registration details.

The symposium's Call for Abstracts is now available and we encourage both seasoned and first-time authors to consider presenting at this year's symposium. New this year we have three ways that authors can present their work. There is the traditional 35 minute PowerPoint presentation, a 35-minute PowerPoint Presentation accompanied by a 6-12 page paper, and (new this year) a large format poster. Refer to the attached Call for Abstracts for more information. Abstracts are due March 7, 2012.

For this year's symposium we have worked hard to focus the event so it is especially accessible and relevant to automation professionals who work in both public and private water utilities. We have set our registration fee for the 2.5 day symposium at \$400 (\$300 for ISA members) and the conference hotel room rate is \$79/night. We are aware of the tight training budgets that many have to contend with so we have striven to provide good value for your training dollars.

Starting this year, attendees will also receive PDHs (professional development hours) for attending the symposium. Attendees can earn up to 20 PDHs for participating. For individuals taking the full day training course on Automation & SCADA Security at the symposium they will also get 0.7 CEUs (credit equivalent units).

This year we are also working hard to team up with the other water-related organizations in our sector. Discussions are currently under way with the WEF, the AWWA, and the NRWA. We are pleased to announce that Tom DeLaura, chair of the WEF Automation and Information Technology committee, has joined our symposium team as our WEF Liaison. Expect further announcements as we reach out to others in our sector.

We laid out an exciting program for this year's symposium. I encourage you to read about it in this newsletter and visit our symposium website. I look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando next August!

Yours very truly,
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- Online Registration for the Symposium and Hotel
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